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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN TEXTILE AGREEMENT

1. E/C COUNS CALLED ON MITI COUNCILLOR K. GOTO OF CONSUMER  
GOODS INDUSTRIES BUREAU AND M. KURODA, TRADE DIVISION DIRECTOR  
IN SAME BUREAU, ON JULY 16. GOTO AND KURODA PROVIDED BACK-  
GROUND INFORMATION ON PROVISIONS OF THE US-JAPAN TEXTILE  
AGREEMENT CONCERNING SYNTHETIC FIBERS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN  
THAT FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF THAT SUBJECT MIGHT LEAD TO  
SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES.

2. ACCORDING TO GOTO, JAPANESE HAD ORIGINALLY OPPOSED THE  
INCLUSION OF ANY SUCH PROVISIONS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MINISTER  
JURICH IN HONOLULU LAST YEAR AND HAD AGREED ONLY AFTER  
RECEIVING ASSURANCES THAT NEED FOR THEM WOULD BE REVIEWED  
THIS YEAR WITH A VIEW TO DROPPING THEM. GOTO, WHO  
MADE MOST OF THE PRESENTATION, REFERRED TO THE PROTOCOL  
OF DISCUSSIONS ACCOMPANYING THE AGREEMENT IN WHICH HE  
SAID BOTH SIDES AGREED TO REVIEW THE NEED FOR QUOTAS ON  
SYNTHETIC YARN. HE THEN PROVIDED A COPY OF A TRANSCRIPT  
OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE DIET OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1975, IN  
WHICH THEN MITI MINISTER NAKASONE CONFIRMED FOR THE  
RECORD THAT THE GOJ HAD AGREED TO MAINTAINING QUOTAS  
ON SYNTHETIC YARN EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR  
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UNDER THE MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES, BUT WOULD

SEEK THEIR REMOVAL IN A YEAR.

3. GOTO CITED A VARIETY OF REASONS FOR DROPPING THE YARN QUOTAS. THE MOST IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT THE DIET WILL PROBABLY RESUME SESSIONS IN SEPTEMBER, AT WHICH TIME MEMBERS ARE CERTAIN TO ASK WHAT THE GOJ HAS DONE ABOUT YARN QUOTAS. GOTO AND KURODA ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT SUGGESTIONS MADE BY POLANSKI IN TOKYO DURING THE DENT VISIT THAT YARN QUOTAS COULD BE DROPPED ONLY IF THE GOJ OFFERS COMPENSATION. SUCH A POSITION, IF IT IS OFFICIALLY PUT FORWARD BY THE US, WOULD AROUSE STRONG OBJECTIONS IN THE DIET WHERE MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT YARN QUOTAS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED ON ANY TERMS.

4. KURODA IS LEAVING FOR EUROPE FOR TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS ON JULY 16 AND EXPECTS TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH COMMERCE AND STATE ABOUT AUGUST 1. HE AND GOTO DID NOT MAKE ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS OF THE EMBASSY BUT ARE HOPEFUL THAT FACE-TO-FACE TALKS IN WASHINGTON WILL BE HELPFUL.

5. COMMENT: IN THIS SITUATION KEY WORD IS "COMPENSATION." MITI DOES NOT WANT TO BE IN POSITION OF HAVING TO STATE TO DIET THAT US WILL CONSIDER REVISION OF YARN QUOTA PROVISIONS ONLY IF COMPENSATION IS GRANTED. AT THIS POINT IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT MITI REQUIRES QUICK CONCESSIONS FROM US, BUT RATHER WOULD BE SATISFIED IF WE WOULD AGREE TO FURTHER TALKS ON THIS QUESTION ON ITS OWN MERITS WITHOUT MENTION OF COMPENSATION AT A TIME AGREEABLE TO BOTH SIDES. SUCH A POSITION WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HANDLE DIET QUESTIONS WITH CONFIDENCE, LEAVING ACTUAL BARGAINING POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES OPEN FOR THE PRESENT.

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